

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 489

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Wester Doyle "Bud" Chapman of Ten Mile.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Wester Doyle "Bud" Chapman; and

WHEREAS, Bud Chapman was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on September 9, 1915, in Muncie, Indiana, Mr. Chapman was the son of Robert "Bob" William and Katherine "Kate" Elizabeth Wester Chapman; and

WHEREAS, from April 1941 to July 1945, Bud Chapman served in the European Theatre during World War II as a sergeant in the 204th Military Police Company, 1st Armored Division, 7th Army under General Patton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman served with acumen and alacrity at Union Carbide K-25 as the rescue squad instructor, and he retired after thirty-five years of employment; and

WHEREAS, Bud Chapman was an active and devout member of Shiloh Baptist Church, where he led the senior adults and taught Sunday School for forty years; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Mr. Chapman was a Boy Scout leader and a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars; for his 100th birthday, he was honored by Roane County as the Golden Treasure, received a proclamation from the governor declaring "Bud Chapman Day," and received a personal letter from the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Bud Chapman was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Bud Chapman enjoyed the loving companionship of Alice Edgemon Chapman, his wife of more than seventy years, and was the proud father of Evelyn Snyder, Priscilla Greene, Marcella Hubbell, and Lucretia Chapman; he is lovingly remembered by his six grandchildren, his ten great-grandchildren, and his sister-in-law, Gayle Pelham; and

WHEREAS, Bud Chapman leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Wester Doyle "Bud" Chapman, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Wester Doyle "Bud" Chapman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.